

MINUTES

BOARD OF EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS

DATE: February 8, 2010

**PLACE: Department of Business Regulation (DBR)
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 68-1 Conference Room
Cranston, RI 02920**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

**OTHERS PRESENT: Richard W. Bernstein, DBR Executive Counsel
Brian J. Riggs, DBR Department Budget Administrator
Dawne Broadfield, Board Executive**

CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Yoder called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

to commence Board business.

Mr. Grosvenor came at 1:36 p.m.

Attorney Bernstein and Mr. Riggs left at 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

(1) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the open meeting minutes of January 19, 2010 as published. Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. The motion carried, three in favor, one abstained and one absent from this vote. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; and Christian J. Ladds, Member. Barbara Feibelman, Secretary, abstained from this vote since she was not present at the last meeting and John K. Grosvenor, Member, was absent from this vote.

(2) Mr. Ladds moved to approve and seal the executive session meeting minutes of the January 19, 2010 as published. Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. The motion carried, three in favor, one abstained and one absent. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; and Christian J. Ladds, Member. Barbara Feibelman, Secretary, abstained from this vote since she was not present at the last meeting and John K. Grosvenor, Member, was absent from this vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(1) Mr. Ladds moved to convene into executive session at 1:14 p.m. pursuant to RI General Laws, §42-46-5 (a)(2) for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-5 (a)(4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. The motion

carried, four in favor, one absent. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; and Christian J. Ladds, Member. John K. Grosvenor, Member, was absent from this vote.

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(2) Mr. Ladds moved to adjourn from executive session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 2:37 p.m. pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-4. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(3) Mr. Ladds moved to seal the executive session and record the votes taken in executive session pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-4 and §42-46-5. Mr. Grosvenor seconded to close Avantgarde Design Group, Inc. (No Certificate of Authorization (COA)). The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(4) Mr. Ladds moved pursuant to RI General Law §42-46-4 that the Board defer disclosure of all votes in executive session until such time as such disclosure would not jeopardize any strategy,

negotiation, or investigation undertaken concerning RI General Law §42-46-5(a). Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

OLD BUSINESS

(1) Record Retention Schedule

The “draft” Design Professionals record retention schedule is work in progress. There is no update at this time. Secretary Feibelman moved to continue. Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(2) Future Law Changes Governing “Architects”

- **Imposition of fines for unregistered activity**

Attorney Berstein updated the Board on the unregistered practice amendment, which applies to all four (4) Boards (Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects and Land Surveyors). Attorney Berstein indicated that Senator Walaska has agreed to sponsor the bill. The bill was sent to him for formal drafting on Friday, February 5, 2010. Attorney Berstein indicated that he is trying to contact

Representative Kennedy to introduce the bill in the House and has not been able to reach him yet. Mr. Ladds moved to continue. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

- “Housekeeping” Changes**

Attorney Bernstein updated the Board and indicated that Senator Pinga will introduce the bill in the Senate and Attorney Bernstein is trying to contact Representative Pacheco to introduce the bill in the House but has not been able to reach him yet. When a hearing is scheduled on this bill, Attorney Bernstein asked that a Board member testify. Mr. Ladds moved to continue. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(3) Annual Meeting with the Building Officials and the State Building Code Commissioner

- Plan for Spring 2010 Meeting.**

The Annual Meeting has been scheduled before the State Building Code Commission on March 31, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor, Conference Room A,

Providence, RI 02908, in order for the Board to express the importance of architectural stamps and the requirement of the Certificate of Authorization (COA) for the firm. Mr. Ladds will confirm this date with the State Building Code Commissioner. Mr. Grosvenor moved to continue until the meeting occurs. Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

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(4) On-Line Individual Registration Renewal Application

- Percentage of Audit**
- Approval of those who send in the American Institute of Architects (AIA) transcript.**

Mr. Ladds moved to authorize Mrs. Broadfield to audit 2.5% of the current architects for continuing education and to approve a renewal application upon receipt of an AIA transcript with the required continuing educations hours noted as a result of the audit. Secretary Feibelman seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and

Christian J. Ladds, Member.

BLUE BOOKS (RECIPROCITY)

(A) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the following Blue Books as submitted with an expiration date of December 31, 2011. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(1) DASILVA, JOHN R. (3) SUTTON, RICHARD D.

(2) DEMATTEI, ANTHONY JAMES (4) WIECHA, DARIUSZ

(B) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the application for David G. Feth, pending submission of the tax affidavit, with an expiration date of December 31, 2011. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION (COA) APPLICATIONS (See Attached List)

(A) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the application for the Certificate of Authorization for the Sole Proprietorship for James A. Sampey,

Architect as submitted. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(B) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the applications for the Certificates of Authorization for the Limited Liability Companies for Humphreys & Partners Architects/Rhode Island, LLC; McMillan Pazdan Smith LLC; and Prospect Studio, LLC as submitted. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(C) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the application for the Certificate of Authorization for the Corporation for Weber Group, P.C. as submitted. Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(D) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the application for the Certificate of Authorization for the Limited Liability Partnership for Svigals + Partners, LLP as submitted. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John

K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(E) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the Change in Business Structure for the application for Certificate of Authorization for the Limited Liability Partnership for Skidmore, Owings + Merrill LLP, #ALLP10, as submitted. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

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(F) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the Change in Business Structure, pending a “no” answer to the question regarding have you been subjected to a formal or informal hearing, for the application for Certificate of Authorization for the Corporation for BRR Architecture, Inc., #A-14,050. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(G) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the Name Change for the application for Certificate of Authorization for the Corporation for Wilson

Architects, Inc., #A-14,224, as submitted. The former name was William Wilson Associated Architects, Inc. Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

(H) Mr. Ladds moved to not approve the application for Certificate of Authorization for the Corporation for Patterson Architects, Inc., due to the use of the plural in the name. The motion indicated that conditional approval can be granted upon receipt of a modified application reflecting the principal's name or the firm name in the singular. Mr. Grosvenor seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) CAVU On-Line Licensing Project

Mr. Riggs updated the Board for informational purposes and indicated that all four (4) Boards (Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects and Land Surveyors) will be going on-line for renewals and licensing in order to eliminate as much paper as possible. This has just started in January, 2010. Mrs. Broadfield stated that CAVU

requested a lot of information. The staff has been working on it for almost two (2) weeks and there is still one (1) more Board, Land Surveyors, that has to collect the requested information. This change will be for initial registration and renewals. There will be no paper. The four (4) Boards, and a few other Boards, are going to serve as the pilot for this project which will eventually extend throughout the whole state. Because the four (4) Boards have so many intricacies, this pilot program should serve as a good prototype.

CAVU is the company that is developing all of the software. RI.gov will house and manage the new software. This is going to be at least a twelve (12) to thirteen (13) month process. This item will be removed from the agenda until there is significant progress to report. When that occurs, this will be added back to the agenda for an update.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yoder announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 8, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the DBR, The John O. Pastore Center, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Conference Room 68-1, Cranston, RI 02920. Mr. Grosvenor moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:26 p.m. Mr. Ladds seconded. The motion carried, five in favor. Voting in favor were Wilbur E. Yoder, Chair; David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Secretary; John K. Grosvenor, Member and Christian J. Ladds, Member.

Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara Feibelman, AIA
Secretary**

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C. O. A. APPLICATIONS

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SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS

JAMES A. SAMPEY ARCHITECT - 0 - APPROVED – 02/08/10

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

HUMPHREYS & PARTNERS

ARCHITECTS/RHODE ISLAND, LLC \$100. APPROVED – 02/08/10

MCMILLAN PAZDAN SMITH LLC \$100. APPROVED – 02/08/10

PROSPECT STUDIO, LLC - 0 - APPROVED – 02/08/10

LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

SKIDMORE, OWINGS + MERRILL LLP - 0 – APPROVED – 02/08/10

ALLP10 – Change in Business Structure

SVIGALS + PARTNERS, LLP \$100. APPROVED – 02/08/10

CORPORATIONS

**BRR ARCHITECTURE, INC. - 0 - APPROVED – 02/08/10 – PENDING A
“NO”**

**A-14,050 – Change in Business Structure ANSWER TO THE
QUESTION REGARDING HAVE YOU BEEN SUBJECTED TO A
FORMAL OR INFORMAL HEARING.**

**PATTERSON ARCHITECTS, INC. - 0 - NOT APPROVED - DUE TO THE
PLURALITY OF NOTE: (S) in “Architects” in the firm name with THE
NAME OR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL CAN BE
only one person in firm. GRANTED UPON RECEIPT OF A MODIFIED
APPLICATION REFLECTING THE PRINCIPAL’S NAME OR THE NAME
IN THE SINGULAR**

WEBER GROUP, P.C. - 0 - APPROVED – 02/08/10

WILSON ARCHITECTS, INC. \$50. APPROVED – 02/08/10

A-14,224 – Name Change

From: William Wilson Associated Architects, Inc.

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